

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

QT TRADING, L.P.	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
v.	§	C.A. NO. _____
	§	Admiralty Rule 9(h)
M/V GLOBAL VANGUARD,	§	
her engines, tackle, boilers, etc. <i>in rem</i> ,	§	
	§	
v.	§	
	§	
GLOBAL SYMPHONY, SA,	§	
NYK GLOBAL BULK CORP.,	§	
MK SHIPMANAGEMENT CO., LTD.,	§	
RICHARDSON STEVEDORING &	§	
LOGISTICS, INC.,	§	
WESTERN BULK CARRIERS AS,	§	
WESTERN BULK CARRIERS GmbH.,	§	
and WESTERN BULK CARRIERS KS	§	
Defendants.	§	

COMPLAINT

1. Plaintiff, QT Trading, L.P. ("QT") by its attorneys, Hill Rivkins LLP, complaining of the M/V Global Vanguard, *in rem*, Global Symphony S.A. ("GSSA"), NYK Global Bulk Corp. ("NYK"), MK Shipmanagement Co., Ltd. ("MKSCL"), Western Bulk Carriers KS, ("WBCKS"), Richardson Stevedoring and Logistics, Inc. ("RS&L"), Western Bulk Carriers AS, d/b/a Western Bulk AS, and d/b/a Western Bulk Carriers Oslo ("WBCAS"), and Western Bulk Carriers GmbH ("Western Bulk") (collectively "Defendants"), alleges upon information and belief:

A.

2. This is an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 1333 and Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or is brought pursuant to 9 U.S.C.A. § 8, for preservation of *in rem* security for arbitration.

B.

3. At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, QT was the consignee and owner of the cargo in question and brings this action on its own behalf and on behalf of all who may become interested in the cargo. QT had and now has the legal status and principal office and place of business stated in Schedule A attached.

C.

4. At and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, GSSA, NYK, MKSCL, WBCKS, WBCAS, and Western Bulk had and now have the legal status and offices and places of business stated in Schedule A. They were, and now are, engaged in business as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire, and owned, operated, managed, chartered and controlled the above-named vessel which now is, or will be, within the jurisdiction of this Court, or another U.S. court of competent jurisdiction, during the pendency of this action. Plaintiff requests that the court permit later service of the *in rem* aspect of this case, awaiting this foreign vessel's return to the United States for service of *in rem* process.

D.

5. On or about August 26, 2012, at the port of Iskenderun, Turkey, the M/V GLOBAL VANGUARD and defendants GSSA, NYK, MKSCL, WBCKS, WBCAS, and Western Bulk received, in good order and condition, the shipment described in Schedule A, which the vessel and defendants GSSA, NYK, MKSCL, WBCKS, WBCAS and Western Bulk accepted and agreed to transport for certain consideration to the Port of Houston, Texas.

E.

6. Thereafter, the vessel arrived at the Port of Houston, where the cargo was found short delivered, contaminated by seawater or other aggressive chemical substance, and /or physically

damaged, causing monetary damages to Plaintiff as enumerated herein. On information and belief, the vessel and defendants GSSA, NYK, MKSCL, WBCKS, WBCAS, and Western Bulk breached, failed and violated their duties and obligations as common carriers and were otherwise at fault.

F.

7. On or about October 15, 2012, at the Port of Houston, there was delivered to defendant, RS&L, the shipment described in Schedule A, which the said defendant received and agreed to discharge, handle and transport for certain consideration at the Port of Houston.

8. Defendant RS&L warranted expressly or by implication of law, to plaintiff and/or its benefits, to act carefully, and in a workmanlike manner, in the handling, discharging and transportation of the cargo.

9. Thereafter, by its negligent handling, sorting, identifying, discharging and transportation of the cargo at the Port of Houston, said defendant RS&L caused and/or contributed to the damage to, and short delivery of, said shipment, which occurred while the cargo was in the possession of RS&L.

G.

10. Plaintiff further alleges, in the alternative and without waiving the above cause of action, that all defendants were bailees of plaintiff's cargo described in Schedule A. Defendants delivered the cargo described in Schedule A in a damaged condition which did not exist at the time of plaintiff's/bailor's delivery to the bailee as described in Schedule A. Defendants breached their duties and obligations as bailees and were negligent.

H.

11. Plaintiff was the shipper, consignee and/or owner of the shipment and brings this action on its own behalf and, as agent and trustee, on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who

may be or become interested in the shipment, as their respective interests may ultimately appear, and plaintiff is entitled to maintain this action.

I.

12. Plaintiff has duly performed all duties and obligations on its part to be performed.

J.

13. By reason of the above-stated premises, plaintiff has sustained damages, as nearly as same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded, in the amount of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$231,749.49) for which Plaintiff demands recovery from all defendants, jointly and severally.

K.

14. All and singular the premises are true and within the admiralty, maritime, and pendent jurisdiction of the United States and of this Honorable Court.

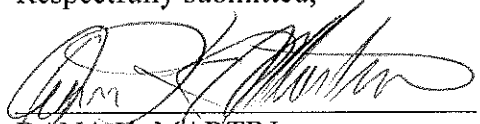
Wherefore, Plaintiff prays:

1. That summons in due form of law may issue against defendants;
2. That a judgment may be entered in favor of plaintiff against defendants, one or more of them, for the amount of plaintiff's damages together with interest and the costs and disbursements of this action;
3. That process in due form of law according to the practice of this court in causes of admiralty or maritime jurisdiction may issue against said the vessel, her engines, etc., and that all persons having or claiming any interest therein be cited to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters stated, and this court will be pleased to pronounce a judgment in favor of

plaintiff for damages together with interest, costs and disbursements, and the motor vessel may be condemned and sold to pay therefor; and

4. That this court will grant to plaintiff such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS *
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COUNTY OF HARRIS *

Dana K. Martin, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

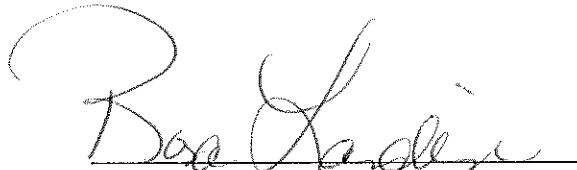
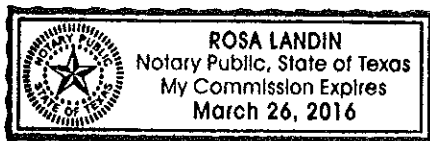
I am an attorney and member of the firm of Hill Rivkins LLP, attorneys for Plaintiff. I am over twenty-one (21) years of age and fully competent to make this Verification. I have read the foregoing Complaint and know its contents. The Complaint is true to my knowledge, except as to the matters stated in the Complaint to be based on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true.

The source of my information and the grounds for my belief as to those matters stated in the Complaint, to be alleged on information and belief, are documents and records in my files.



Dana K. Martin

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned authority, this 20th day of August, 2013.



Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 3/26/16

SCHEDULE A

LEGAL STATUS AND PLACE OF BUSINESS OF PARTIES

Plaintiff, **QT Trading, LP**, was and now is a corporation with an office and place of business at 79 S. Benson Rd., Suite 6, Fairfield, CT 06824

M/V GLOBAL VANGUARD was at all material times a general cargo ship sailing under the Panamanian flag. The vessel was built in 2008, its call sign is 3EQV7, and its gross tonnage is 29,758 tons.

Defendant, **Global Symphony S.A. ("GSSA")**, was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which does not maintain a designated agent on whom service may be made in Texas, and thus may be served through Hague Convention Service, F.R.C.P. 4(k)2, or through the Secretary of State of Texas under the Texas Long-Arm Statute, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.044 et. seq., in care of its home office at:

c/o NYK Global Bulk Corp.
5th Floor, Yusen Bldg.,
3-2 Marunouchi 2 Chome, Chyoda-ku,
Tokyo-to 100-0005 Japan

Defendant, **MK Shipmanagement Co., Ltd. ("MKSCCL")**, was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which does not maintain a designated agent on whom service may be made in Texas, and thus may be served through Hague Convention Service, F.R.C.P. 4(k)2, or through the Secretary of State of Texas under the Texas Long-Arm Statute, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.044 et. seq., in care of its home office at:

3rd Floor Urban Toranomom Bldg.,
16-4 Toranomom 1-chome, Minato Ku
Tokyo-to, 105-0001 Japan

Defendant, **NYK Global Bulk Corp. ("NYK")** was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which does not maintain a designated agent on whom service may be made in Texas, and thus may be served through Hague Convention Service, F.R.C.P. 4(k)2, or through the Secretary of State of Texas under the Texas Long-Arm Statute, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.044 et. seq., in care of its home office at:

5th Floor, Yusen Bldg.,
3-2 Marunouchi 2 Chome, Chyoda-ku,
Tokyo-to 100-0005 Japan

Defendant, **Richardson Stevedoring and Logistics, Inc. ("RS&L")**, was and now is a Texas corporation with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a stevedore of goods, which does maintain a designated agent on whom service may be made, and thus may be served through its registered agent for the State of Texas, at:

8500 Clinton Dr
Houston, Texas 77029
Attn.: Mr. Michael Richardson (Pres.)

Defendant, **Western Bulk Carriers KS, ("WBCKS")** was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which does not maintain a designated agent in Texas upon whom service may be made, and thus may be served through Hague Convention Service, F.R.C.P. 4(k)2, or through the Secretary of State of Texas under Texas Long-Arm Statute, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.044 et. seq., in care of its home offices:

Henrik Ibsengate 100
P.O. Box 2868 Solli
0230 Oslo, Norway.

Defendant, **Western Bulk Carriers AS d/b/a Western Bulk AS, and d/b/a Western Bulk Carriers Oslo ("WBCAS")**, was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which maintains a registered agent in Texas upon whom service may be made, and thus may be served through its registered agent:

Chaffe McCall, LLP (registered agent)
801 Travis Street, Suite 1910
Houston, Texas 77002

Defendant, **Western Bulk Carriers GmbH ("Western Bulk")**, was and now is a foreign corporation, or similar entity, with power to sue and be sued, which regularly does business in Texas and/or the United States as a common carrier of goods, which does not maintain a designated agent in Texas upon whom service may be made, and thus may be served through Hague Convention Service, F.R.C.P. 4(k)2, or through the Secretary of State of Texas under Texas Long-Arm Statute, Tex. Civ. Prac. & Rem. Code § 17.044 et. seq., in care of its home offices:

Valentinskamp 88
20355 Hamburg, Germany

DESCRIPTION OF SHIPMENT

Vessel:	M/V Global Vanguard
Date of Shipment:	August 26, 2012
Port of Shipment:	Iskenderun, Turkey
Port of Discharge:	Houston, Texas
Shipper:	Tosyali Dis Ticaret A.S.
Consignee:	QT Trading, L.P.
Description of Shipment:	ERW Steel Pipe
Nature of Loss or Damage:	Seawater Rust, Contamination, short delivery and/or physical damage
Amount:	TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-NINE AND 49/100 DOLLARS (\$231,749.49)